

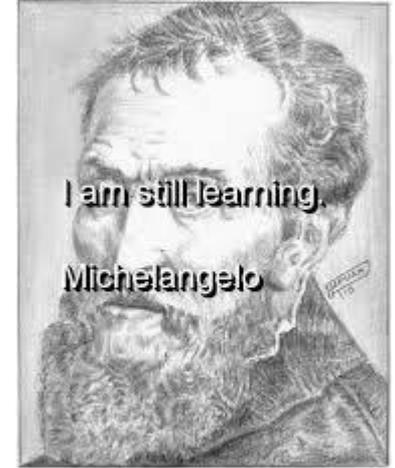
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Dear Parent

Today is the 66th day of 2020, which means 300 days remain until the end of the year. Michelangelo Buonarroti was an Italian artist and architect born on 6 March 1475. He is known primarily for his works of art, but he also prepared extremely accurate anatomical drawings of the human body. Michelangelo performed dissections to be able to more accurately depict the physiology of saints and sinners. Thus, science was advanced, but in the name of Renaissance art.

You may wonder why I am starting my newsletter with a focus on Michelangelo. He has always been a source of inspiration for me, not only because of his astounding works of art, but also because he pointed out that the mastery of anything required great diligence and hard work.



“If people knew how hard I had to work to gain my mastery, it would not seem so wonderful at all.”
— Michelangelo Buonarroti

We have 300 days left of this year to gain mastery of whatever we put our minds and hearts to. **Let us not waste a single minute thereof.**

ALUMNI

If you have been with Aurora, now Curro Aurora, please send an email to alumni@curro.co.za with your name and surname, the year you completed school, your telephone number and email address – to form part of the Curro Aurora alumni database.

Alumni children save 50% on their enrolment fee and 10% on their school fees.

Also follow us on Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/curroalumni>
Visit our website for more info: <https://www.curroalumni.co.za/>

GET INVOLVED:



We call on all learners, parents and teachers in the Curro Aurora family to get involved – participate where you can, show interest and help to grow our magnificent school.



One such opportunity is on Friday 13 March – The **GREAT GRADE QUIZ** – we need three teams per grade (8 people per team) to ensure that the High School proves its mastery of general knowledge over the Pre-Primary (Castle) and Primary School.



Tickets are R640 per table of 8 (R100 per adult, R80 per learner) and includes dinner.



Please come join us for an evening of fun, excitement and social interaction.

CURRO AURORA APT (ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS & TEACHERS)

Our APT raises funds for the school and strives to promote school spirit and fun. Although Curro provides for the needs and services of our learners, the funds from the APT provide the cherry-on-top that makes us all stand out.

Our first exciting APT event is the:

Great Grade Quiz

that is taking place on 13 March 2020!

Tickets are on sale from Josie at Main Reception. Tickets are R100 for adults and R80 for learners, but the good news is that a table of 8 people will cost you only R640.00! The ticket price includes a meal and drinks will be sold separately. As it is a school family function, no alcohol will be allowed.

We would like to have at least **3 teams per grade** (24 people per grade) who can take on (and demolish) both Primary School and Castle teams!

Come on, **High School Parents and Learners**, those awesome prizes are as good as ours!

Please also save the dates for numerous other activities that we have planned to take place over the course of the year.

Term 1	The Great Grade Quiz	Friday, 13 March
Term 3	Women's Day Tea	Saturday, 1 August
	Golf Day	Friday, 21 August
	Family Fun Day	Saturday, 5 September

The 2019 Yearbook is proudly sponsored by the APT and will be coming soon.

The APT is sponsoring new T-shirts for our coaches and will also be upgrading the Matric Seating area. We also sponsored bucket hats for our golfers in the High School.

Please come and support us in all our endeavors.

We would love to meet you.



SHAVATHON

Hope 2020. Our annual CANSA Shavathon will be taking place on 11 March in the three schools on campus in different ways. The theme 'Hope 2020' is apt, as participants will be giving 'Hope' to cancer Survivors and loved ones, by showing solidarity with them in the fight against cancer as they spray, cut, gel or shave their hair.

Participating provides an opportunity for everyone to be involved in inspiring 'Hope', by spraying or shaving their head, or donating a ponytail to make a wig.

PRE-SCHOOL



CANSA Shavathon
An initiative of the community service council

Date: Wednesday, 11 March 2020
Time: 09:00 – 13:00
Venue: Curro Aurora

R20 – ribbons, plaits and hair spray

NO cutting or shaving

R20 funky hair gel

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PRIMARY SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL:



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GRADE 9 ADVANCED PROGRAMME MATHEMATICS

AP Mathematics ensures learners have a solid fundamental understanding of Mathematics, and then extends students to understand concepts beyond Core Mathematics that gives students 'the edge' in exams. Grade 9 AP Mathematics will be every Wednesday from 13h40 – 14h25. It is free of charge in Grade 9 and there are no assessments for it.

We encourage all our eager Grade 9 Mathematicians to join. #I'm_Involved.

COMMUNICATION:

Please note that e-mails cannot always be read or answered immediately as all members of the School Management Team and Grade Heads have a teaching responsibility too. We do try our best to answer as quickly as possible.

Contact details of the School Management Team and Grade Heads herewith for easy reference:

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ENRICHMENT TOUR: EUROPE JUNE 2020

WE HAVE **4 SPACES** STILL AVAILABLE FOR THIS TOUR!



Contact Mr Kotze or Mrs Bornman for more information on this amazing opportunity!

SPORT

Mr Adrian Ferreira

GOLF:

The 'A' and 'B' teams played in the Pecanwood College Golf Tournament held at Pecanwood Golf & Country Club on Thursday, 27 and Friday, 28 February.

Results:

Team Competition:

- 'A' team: 3rd
- 'B' team: 28th

Individual Competition:

- Stefano Marchetti: tie 5th
- Kim Turgut: tie 10th
- Kael Strydom: tie 17th
- Brent Barendsen: tie 22nd
- Arnoux van der Merwe: 53rd
- Berk Turgut: 65th
- Tae'yn Plaatjies: 68th
- Webster Mzara: 69th



Stefano is congratulated on finishing in tie 2nd place in the first of the Bridge Fund Series at Wingate Park Country Club on Sunday, 1 March.

Kim is congratulated on finishing in 6th place at the North West Women's Open Championship at Pecanwood Golf & Country Club from Saturday, 29 February to Sunday, 1 March.

STREET DANCE:

Curro Aurora hosted a competition on Friday, 28 February. The team finished 1st out of 4 schools including Fourways High School, Queens High School and Home Schools.

Individual results:

u/14 boys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Luvo Ntanga: 1st • Lethu Ntlanganiso: 2nd 	u/16 boys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tanaka Paradza: 1st • Connor Govender: 2nd • Jared Rypstra: 3rd
u/16 girls: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maud Ratau: 3rd 	u/18 boys: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Siphesile Mahlangu: 1st

Please find the High School sports programme for Monday, 9 March to Saturday, 14 March 2020.

Date	Sport	Opponents/Hosts/Event/Venue	Times
Tue 10/03	Swimming	Prestige Gala @ Delville Pool	11:00
Wed 11/03	Rugby	Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel @ Curro Aurora	15:00: u/14 15:30: u/15 16:00: 1st
Wed 11/03	Boys' Hockey	St John's College 'B' @ Curro Aurora	15:00: u/15 16:00: 1st
Thu 12/03	Boys' & Girls' Hockey	Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel @ Curro Aurora	15:00: 2nd girls 16:00: u/15 boys
Thu 12/03	Netball	@ Curro Academy Wilgeheuwel	15:00: 1st, u/17 & u/14A 15:40: u/16, u/15 & u/14B
Sat 14/03	Rugby, Netball & Hockey	Pecanwood College & The King's College @ Curro Aurora	08:30
Sat 14/03	Street Dance	Inter-High @ Fourways High School	08:30

CULTURE

Mrs Saskia Snyders

CURRO CREATE *From Broadway to Bird Street*





Ciara Rudman, along with the rest of the learner cast members preparing for this year's musical: From Broadway to Bird Street.

Their first performances will be at this year's Toyota US Woodfees on the 7th and 8th of March. Break a leg, Ciara!

CURRO CAS

Thank you very much to every learner who entered. Your passion and creativity are contagious and we look forward to outstanding results. We are pleased to announce a record number of 130 entries for 2020.

Let the preparations begin.

Mentors for this year's Curro CAS:

- Make it: Mr Viljoen and Mr Neethling
- Read it: Mrs Snyders and English / Afrikaans Department
- Act it: Mrs Snyders and Miss Dawson
- Sing it: Ms Bentel and Miss Dawson
- Move it: Mrs Snyders and Ms Bentel
- Play it: Mrs Snyders
- Shoot it: Mrs Reddy
- Write it: Mrs Gallon and English / Afrikaans Department
- Tweet it: Miss Dawson

TOP MODEL SOUTH AFRICA

On the 27th of February 2020, **Ariana Starck** (Grade 12), participated in the Top Model South Africa competition. Ariana won the Miss Top Model South Africa title for 2020. She will now be going to London to participate in the Top Model London Worldwide competition at the beginning of April and will also walk in the London fashion week.



Congratulations, Ariana. Keep South Africa and Curro Aurora's flag flying high!

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Two teams represented the Grade 9s in the Prepared Speeches category that took place at Northcliff High and their speeches were nothing short of outstanding. Their level of intelligence was definitely the highlight of the night for all those in attendance. They spoke eloquently and their topics displayed a resounding awareness of themselves and their planet. A very proud congratulations to our impeccable speakers: TEAM A Hilton Botha, Shriya Tandree, Gabriel Kuzmanich and Dean du Plessis. TEAM B Shenade Mchunu, Kansas Brews, Christabel Akpoduado and Manesu Mfokozanah.

The Grade 10 Prepared Public Speaking Team did themselves proud in last week's meeting at Greenside High School. The speakers: Achumile Koyana (Chair), Josh Daniels, Paris Botha and Reatile Khumalo achieved a well-deserved A grade for an excellent speech on the topic of 'It's complicated!' They competed against six teams and were commended for their creative exploration of the topic, as well as their polished and eloquent delivery. They commanded the audience very well and developed the topic with aplomb - a superb Curro Aurora team effort.

ENGLISH OLYMPIAD

On the 3rd of March 2020, our Grade 10 to 12 English Olympiad learners sat for the first round of this year's Olympiad.

They were focused and prepared.

We eagerly await their results to share.



MATHEMATICS OLYMPIAD

The South African Mathematics Olympiad is the largest Olympiad in South Africa and we would like to encourage our learners to participate.

It is voluntary and open to all Grade 8 and 9 learners and any Mathematics learners in Grades 10 to 12.

The first round is written on **12 March 2020**.

The entry fee is R20 and payable to the learners Mathematics Teacher. Please note that participation for Grade 8 and 9 learners is compulsory, but payment for this has been included in their levies.



Learners who attain 50% or higher in the first round qualify for the second round which is written on **14 May**.

It is well known that mathematics competitions generate a lot of enthusiasm and curiosity for the subject.

Every participant in the SAMO papers will be challenged by at least one problem and hence his or her problem-solving skills will improve. Problem solving skills can be further improved by carefully working through the solutions of these rounds.

Mathematics National Benchmark Test Training for Grade 12 Learners

The National Benchmark Test (NBT) is a set of tests used to assess a learner's academic literacy, quantitative literacy and mathematical ability in an effort to measure academic readiness for university.

The NBTs are split into two 3-hour exams, one is called AQL and the other MAT. AQL focuses on Academic and Quantitative Literacy and the MAT focuses only on Mathematics.

Universities use the results of the NBTs to determine the extra help/support the learners may need at University. Universities also use the results to decide if a learner's university application is successful or not.

This is why it is so important to prepare for these increasingly important tests.

NBT training dates for Maths Gr 12 have been confirmed as follows:

Saturday 4th April: 08:30 - 13:00

Sunday 5th April: 08:30 - 13:00

Please note that this training is done by an external service provider (Advantage Learn) and our learners have found it extremely beneficial in the past.

For more info, please speak to Mrs Beeston, Mr Kotze or Mrs Webb.

MyHub ISSUES:

Please email myhub@curro.co.za with a brief description of the problem at hand. This e-mail must please include the name of school (Curro Aurora) and your family code.

You should receive a reference number via e-mail. Please use this reference number when following up on the progress of the query. This process is for eBooks, uniform as well as general access to MyHub.

New parents will only have access to MyHub 24 hours after enrolment has been finalised.

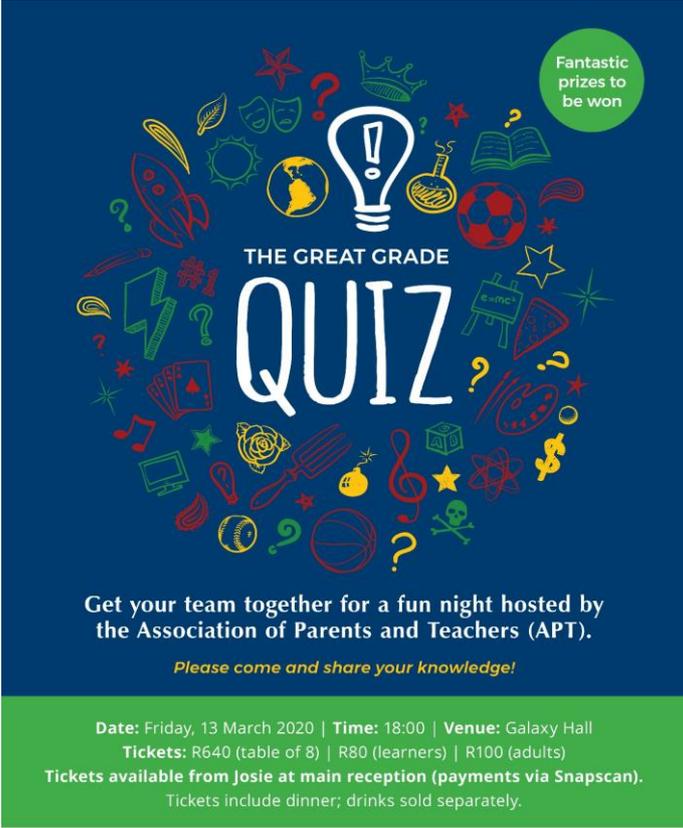
GREEN CAMPUS

Did you know that the average person walks 12 steps with litter in their hand before they throw it to the floor? We are noticing an increase in the amount of litter on campus, in spite of clearly branded recycling bins. Remember that litter disrespects not only your peers and school, it ultimately has a significant impact on the environment, which essentially means that you hurt yourself. Be mindful of your surroundings and your actions: only quitters litter, and we are determined to make a positive change to the planet; so step up, #getinvolved and increase your daily step count by walking to the nearest recycling bin!

UPCOMING EVENTS

We urge parents and learners to please read the **TERM PLANNERS** that have been posted to **MyHub**.

We adhere to these dates as best we can, but where changes are made, we will communicate such changes on MyHub and via our learners.



The poster features a central lightbulb icon surrounded by various colorful icons representing different subjects like science, art, music, and sports. The text 'THE GREAT GRADE QUIZ' is prominently displayed in the center. A green circle in the top right corner says 'Fantastic prizes to be won'. The bottom section of the poster, on a green background, provides event details: 'Get your team together for a fun night hosted by the Association of Parents and Teachers (APT). Please come and share your knowledge!'. Below this, it lists the date (Friday, 13 March 2020), time (18:00), venue (Galaxy Hall), and ticket prices (R640 for a table of 8, R80 for learners, R100 for adults). It also states that tickets are available from Josie at main reception and include dinner, with drinks sold separately.

Fantastic prizes to be won

THE GREAT GRADE
QUIZ

Get your team together for a fun night hosted by the Association of Parents and Teachers (APT).
Please come and share your knowledge!

Date: Friday, 13 March 2020 | Time: 18:00 | Venue: Galaxy Hall
Tickets: R640 (table of 8) | R80 (learners) | R100 (adults)
Tickets available from Josie at main reception (payments via Snapscan).
Tickets include dinner; drinks sold separately.

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Recycling Plant

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to extend the use of our recycling plant to our Curro Aurora families.

Mornings: 07:00 – 08:30

Afternoons: 12:30 – 15:00

Kindly only use the Puttick Road entrance to the recycling plant.

We only accept paper, plastic, glass and cans!



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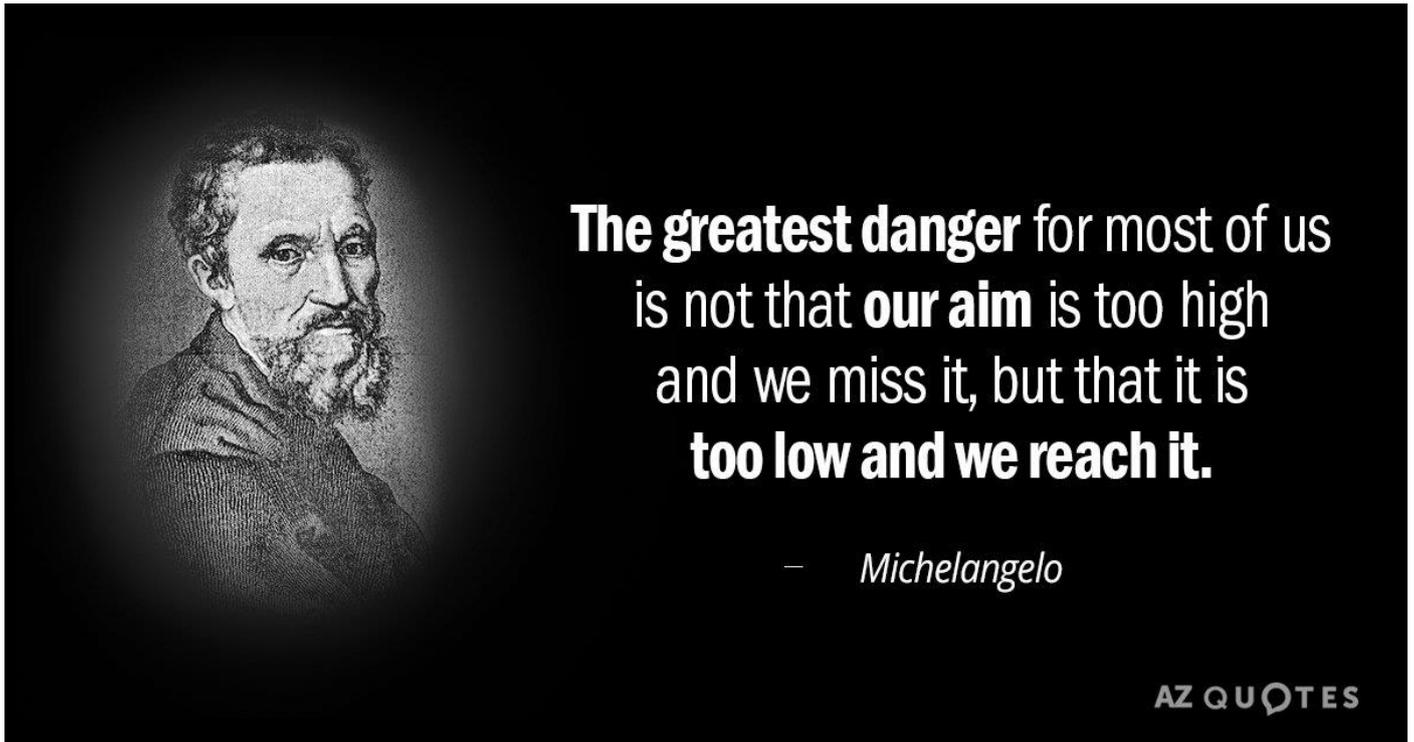
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NB! Please note the scholarship application closing date for Grade 8 2021! Please share this information!

THOUGHT TO PONDER:



Yours in education,

Dion Kotze
Head of High School.